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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

25 September 13, 2011

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ANNUAL REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO
PERFORM VARIOUS FLOOD CONTROL WORK WITH
PUBLIC WORKS PERSONNEL
FISCAL YEAR 2011-12
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to proceed with flood control work in the Cities of Azusa and Irwindale, using Public Works forces, costing an estimated \$100,000.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

1. Find that the proposed projects are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this letter and in the record of the project.
2. Approve the projects and authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to proceed with flood control work costing an estimated \$100,000 using Public Works forces.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to find that the proposed flood control work costing an

estimated \$100,000, as described in this letter, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The purpose of the recommended actions is also to approve the projects and authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) or her designee to proceed with the projects, costing an estimated \$100,000, using Department of Public Works (Public Works) forces. The projects described in this letter can be more effectively scheduled and coordinated in conjunction with other planned operations and maintenance activities at the various facilities if they are performed by Public Works employees. Also, Public Works will be able to maintain the necessary operational skills to perform this specialized work in the future. In the past, your Board authorized Public Works to do similar work with our own forces.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The recommended actions will meet these goals by allowing the construction of these projects during the normal course of maintenance work thereby reducing costs and by maintaining the needed operational skills to retain a well-trained workforce.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

Sufficient funds for this work are included in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 LACFCD Fund Budget. If the work is not completed in the current fiscal year, it will be performed in subsequent fiscal years. Financing for the subsequent fiscal years will be requested through the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The proposed work consists of constructing asphalt parking, reinforced concrete pads, footings, ramps, and handrails for modular containers at Citrus Spreading Grounds located in the City of Azusa (Thomas Guide 599-B2) and Irwindale Spreading Grounds located in the City of Irwindale (Thomas Guide 598-F4).

On October 19, 2010, your Board previously delegated authority to the Director, acting as the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, to perform any construction work that is estimated to cost \$10,000 or less, using Public Works forces, provided that the Chief Engineer or her designee determines such work is exempt from CEQA. Since the projects described in this letter are all estimated to exceed \$10,000, your Board's approval of this work, using Public Works forces, is required.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The work described in this letter is categorically exempt from CEQA. The projects are within a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in sections 15301 and 15303 of CEQA Guidelines and Class 1, subsections (e), (l), and (w), and Class 3, subsections (e) and (f), of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. In addition, the project is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting

factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the project records.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be minimal impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the authorized force account work.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Flood Maintenance Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office